

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

EFS&T Department - De- notification of forest lands within the vicinity of three urban areas at Tirupathi, Vijayawada and Visakhapatnam - Constitution of Committees to undertake an exercise for identification of forest blocks - Orders – issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (Section.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 343

Dated. 17 -10-2014.

Read the following:-

From PCCF, A.P, Lr RC No. 7300/2014/WLR-1/AP, dated.7-10-2014.

ORDER:-

A meeting was held on 26-9-2014 under the chairmanship of Chief Secretary to Government on the issue of de- notification of forest lands in urban areas and it was decided to assess on priority the availability of forest lands within the vicinity of three urban areas at Tirupathi, Vijayawada and Visakhapatnam by constituting a team of officers from Revenue, Forests and Municipal Departments to undertake an exercise of identification of forest blocks

2. The PCCF, A.P, in the reference read above, has submitted the composition of the committees to be constituted along with terms of reference.

3. The Government, after careful examination of the proposal of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Andhra Pradesh, hereby constitute committees with the following composition to undertake an exercise for identification of forest blocks for de-notification of forest lands within the vicinity of three urban areas at Tirupathi, Vijayawada and Visakhapatnam:-

1. TIRUPATHI:-

Joint Collector, Chittoor	- Chairman
Divisional Forest Officer, Chittoor (East) Division	- Member Convener
Vice Chairman & Managing Director, Tirupathi Urban Development Authority	- Member
Commissioner, Municipal Administration	- Member
Conservator of Forests, WLM Circle, Tirupathi	- Member

2. VIJAYAWADA:-

Joint Collector, Krishna	- Chairman
Divisional Forest Officer, Krishna Division	- Member Convener
Vice Chairman & Managing Director, Vijaywada, Guntur, Tenali, Mangalgi	- Member
Commissioner, Municipal Administration	- Member
CCF/Conservator of Forests, Rajahamundry	- Member

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3. VISAKHAPATNAM:-

Joint Collector, Visakhapatnam	- Chairman
Divisional Forest Officer, Visakhapatnam	- Member Convener
Vice Chairman & Managing Director, Visakhapatnam Urban Development Authority	-Member
Commissioner, Municipal Administration	- Member
Conservator of Forests, Visakhapatnam	- Member

4. The terms of reference of the above committees are as follows:-

- (i) Survey of the land to be undertaken as to how much of the forest land would be useful for the development of the city, in terms of different zones.
- (ii) Regarding Tirupathi Town, survey shall be undertaken within the radius of 10 Kms, for Vijayawada for a radius of 20 Kms, and for Visakhapatnam within a periphery of 20 Kms from the town.
- (iii) For de-notification of the above identified forest land, non-forest land for compensatory Afforestation shall be identified within the District, as required under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.
- (iv) While identifying the forest lands for de-notification, priority shall be given to the forest lands which are under encroachment.
- (v) The de-notification proposals in full shape should be submitted to Government within a period of One month.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

S.P. SINGH
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

To
All the Chairman's and Members of the Committee.

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,
Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.- With a request to co-ordinate with the Committees and obtain the necessary proposals in full shape within the time frame, so as to enable the Government to take further action.

The District Collector,
Chittoor, Krishna and Visakhapatnam – They are requested to take follow up action and to see that the exercise should be completed within the stipulated time.

Copy to

The Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P, Hyderabad.
OSD to Hon'ble Minister for Forests, Environment, Science & Technology
P.S. to Chief Secretary.
P.S. to Principal Secretary, EFS&T Department.
C.C to Vice Chairman & Managing Director,
Andhra Pradesh Forest Development Corporation Limited.
Secretary to C.M.

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SECTION OFFICER.